moment. The King's Government must be carried on. You must have an Administration to prosecute

The King's War, and let me say this—

Government what I have said to my colleagues and

must be comrades in this office a few minutes

earned on ago—politicians make one fundamental mistake when they have been in office. They think that the people who are in office, or who have been in office, are absolutely essential to the Government of the country and that no one else is in the least able to carry on affairs. Well, we are a people of 45,000,000 and really, if we cannot produce at least two or three alternative Cabinets, we must be what Carlyle once called us —a nation of fools. I don't believe it and I don't think that is the opinion of the country. We are all very interested in ourselves and each other, but with all respect to ourselves I think the country is looking out for something else; it is looking out for a Government that will prosecute the War efficiently; that is what it is looking for and therefore I am hoping to get the adhesion of men of that character and calibre to form an Administration.

It is obvious that no Government can be carried on in this country, whether during war or peace,

Labour without, I won't say the support of Labour, but the co-operation of Labour.

Labour's co-operation upon its determination to help in

winning this War, everything depends, and therefore I invited you here, through Mr. Henderson, who has been my colleague for eighteen months or two years, and let me say at once that I never want a more loyal colleague. He has faced tasks which I thought were difficult, but which were twice as difficult for him because of his